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MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

(2013 Admission to 2018 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer all questions, each in a word or sentence

1. Choose the correct form of the verb:

We _____ (Packed/is packing) for our trip to Europe.

2. Choose the correct form of the verb:

She _____ (woke/ Wakes) up early on her trip last week.

3. Identify the preposition phrase:

Is she really going out with that tall, gorgeous guy?

4. Identify the noun clause in the sentence:

Whoever thought of the idea is a genius.

5. Add the correct question tag:

You haven't seen this film, _____

6. Correct the sentence:

Gas in Alaska is the most cheapest gas in all the world.

7. Change the voice: He had written three books before 1867.

8. Correct the sentence:

We're not sure he is enough experienced for the position.

9. Choose the correct option and complete the sentence:

The customer was extremely upset. _____

(a) He demanded refunding his money.

(b) He demanded that we refunded his money.

(c) He demanded we refund his money.

10. Identify the adjective in the sentence:

The organisation invested in a lot of state-of-the-art technology.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer **any eight** questions, **each** in a short paragraph exceeding **50** words.

11. Combine and rewrite the sentences, beginning with **As**

(a) Sarath couldn't write the exam. He was taken ill.

(b) I am a copy editor. I correct many mistakes.

12. Rewrite the sentences, beginning each new sentence as instructed:

(a) We got lost in the jungle because we didn't have a map. (If we had...)

(b) The plane had hardly left the airport when the accident happened (No sooner...)

13. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences:

(a) effect / we / in/ did/ much/ sales/ last/ not/ year/ improvement.

(b) should/ you/ have/ coming/seen/ this.

14. Correct the sentences:

(a) "Can we prepone the meeting to 2 pm? I need to leave a little early".

(b) "Which year did you pass out from college?"

15. Read the answers and frame appropriate questions:

(a) You will be treated as a friend.

(b) They will stay with their relatives when they go to Delhi.

16. Change the following sentences into affirmatives.

(a) They need not know what this is for.

(b) No other poet is as great as Wordsworth.

17. Provide appropriate question tags

(a) They live in Mumbai.

(b) Reenu must stay.

18. Identify the complement in the given sentences:
- (a) My uniform is torn and dirty.
 - (b) We find them very pleasant.
19. Identify the adverbial phrase in the given sentences:
- (a) The great horse raced like the wind.
 - (b) The tenor sang with great feeling.
20. Fill in the blanks with the correct article
- (a) I want _____ apple from the basket.
 - (b) _____ village by the sea is my dream retirement spot.
21. Supply the correct modals.
- (a) You _____ have informed the insurance company immediately after the accident. Now it's too late.
 - (b) You _____ have driven if you had been drinking!
22. Change into indirect speech:
- (a) Ibrahim : James works from home.
 - (b) Vandana : I've got to go, I am getting late.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Answer any **six** of the following as directed.

23. Complete the sentences with a suitable word from the list given below:

(who, what, how, which, whom, where)

- (a) Sushmita is the one _____ is taking over my job next month.
- (b) I couldn't imagine _____ I would be able to find the courage to leave.
- (c) I've got a week to finish this _____ is just about enough time.
- (d) He really can't work out _____ he has to go to get the information he needs.

24. Insert the correct articles wherever appropriate in the following sentences. If there is no article put a (X) sign.

- (a) Are you coming to party next Saturday?
- (b) I bought new TV set yesterday.
- (c) I am crazy about reading history books.
- (d) Do you want to go to restaurant where we first met?

25. Correct the following sentences.

- (a) If we will be late, they will be angry.
- (b) My father is thinking that I should stop smoking.
- (c) I fell asleep while I watched TV.
- (d) I have lived in Canada since 10 months.

26. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions.

- (a) Don't waste so much money _____ new clothes.
- (b) I have to hurry. I want to be _____ time for the new presentation.
- (c) All trains arriving from London are _____ time.
- (d) The guard told us to keep _____ the lawn. It has been freshly cut.

27. Rewrite the sentences in the correct order.

- (a) society / is / discipline / of/ foundation / the very
- (b) great importance /one of the / essentials of life / it is/in all spheres/ and is of/ of life
- (c) it life/ become / without / miserable / at home / will
- (d) for/ is / our / progress / it / a must / country's

28. Use the correct forms of verbs and fill in the blanks.

- (a) The police _____ (leave) no stone unturned to trace the culprits.
- (b) The terrified people _____ (flee) to the mountains.
- (c) I _____ (visit) the Taj Mahal last month.
- (d) Your friends _____ (wait) for you for over an hour.

29. Use reflexive pronouns to complete the sentences.

- (a) Aneesh decided to reward _____ with a dinner out.
- (b) Seema pours a cup of tea for _____ every morning.
- (c) Eighty year old Indira made her supper _____
- (d) We _____ were forced to pilot the boat to safety.

30. Rewrite the passage correcting all the errors.

Damu starts his job at a carpet-weaving factory. He had made new friends there and enjoying their company. Carpet-weaving intrigue him, yet when he started on the job he finds it very difficult. For weeks he was struggling with the job. He felt that he have made a mistake when he chose to work there. If he was determined to learn the art of carpet-weaving.

31. Identify the parts of speech in the underlined parts:

(noun of gender, pre-modifier, transitive verb, uncountable noun)

- (a) There has been a lot of research into the causes of the spread of the Corona Virus.
- (b) France is popular with her neighbours at the moment.
- (c) Lee bought dozens of cakes from the bakery to gift his wife.
- (d) We have enjoyed some extremely varied and consistently excellent performances at this theatre.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any two of the following.

32. Expand the proverb "Simple Living, High Thinking" in about two to three pages.
33. Write a short essay on "Friendship and Social Media" in about two to three pages.
34. Write a précis of the following passage:

In a big modern factory each worker contributes so little to the finished article that he does not think of it as the fruit of his own labours. Workers who repeat the same operation day after day can take no ire or pride in their work. Their chief pleasure in life is outside the factory. Their work is dull and they spend their time with one eye on the clock. In spite of various attempts to brighten the lives of the workers, the average man in a factory is rather to be pitied than envied. The dullness of his life is one of the drawbacks of mass production.

Some people believe that man is becoming the slave of the machine. Certainly machines are playing an ever-increasing part in our lives. Let us hope that they will never become more important than the men they were intended to serve. Charlie Chaplin, in his film "Modern Times", drew attention to this danger. In the film he got a job in a factory that employed mass production method. He had to stand by a machine with a spanner in his hand. An endless belt passed in front of him carrying slowly an endless line of articles. As each one passed he tightened one nut on one bolt with his spanner. His work was one with one turn of the wrist repeated throughout the day. Very soon his mind became affected and the film shows the amusing things which he did as a result of his mental disorder. Although it is very funny, the film had a serious side. It showed that the kind of work which many people do, far from giving them pride and pleasure, is more likely to fit them for the lunatic asylum.

We must all hope that means will be found to retain the advantages arising out of mass production, while at the same time giving the worker some of the pride and pleasure of the old craftsman.

35. Arrange the sentences in the proper order. Sentence one and ten are in their correct order.

Though largely forgotten now, African presence in India, in itself, was not unusual. In the 1230s, queen Raziya of the Delhi Sultanate was accused of being closer than acceptable to Yakut, an African confidant. There existed for

decades in the 15th century a near-sovereign state in Jaunpur (U.P.) founded by an African. Their reputations were so fierce that "let there be but one of them on a ship and it will be avoided by ... pirates". It was a pretext used to justify her murder. Harems in the Deccan featured *habshi* women – so called after their origins in Abyssinia – and at least two sultans had black begums as consorts. This fact is unknown, perhaps, to many present-day residents of Uttar Pradesh. In the 14th century, the traveller Ibn Batuta recorded how they were "guarantors of safety" for ships that plied the Arabian Sea. Even in Bengal, a coup in 1487 by a group of warriors like Malik Ambar led to a short-lived ruling dynasty. Ambar, however, remains the greatest of the *habshis* who made history in India.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
